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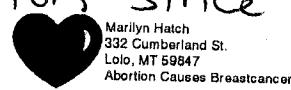
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Abortions cost economy \$35 trillion since 1970 in lost productivity. A researcher who has spent over a decade examining the economic impact of abortion finds that the approximately 50.5 million abortions in the US since 1970 have cost the American economy 35 trillion. That comes in the form of lost productivity by having fewer workers contributing to society. Those contributions also come in the form of taxpayers contributing to state, federal and local governments that would have had more funds to pay teachers, offer health care benefits or put more police on the streets. Dennis Howard, the president of the pro life group Movement for a Better America, has researched the economic <sup>impact</sup> of abortion since 1995.

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